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PREAMBLE.

WHEREAS it has been deemed advisable to frame a Constitution and Code of By-Laws for this Society, since time and experience have proved that without efficient laws and regulations it is impossible for any Society to have stability and lasting existence, or carry out the object of their organization with harmony among themselves and with benefit to others.

Therefore the members of the YOUNG MEN'S HEBREW BENEVOLENT SOCIETY have agreed to the following Constitution and By-Laws.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Society shall be called and known by the name and title of the "YOUNG MEN'S HEBREW BENEVOLENT SOCIETY," of Montreal.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

The object of this Society shall be to assist and grant temporary relief to sick and indigent persons of the Hebrew Faith.

ARTICLE III.—ELECTION.

Sec. 1.—Any person of the "Hebrew Faith," and of the age of thirteen years or over shall be eligible for membership.

Sec. 2.—All elections for officers shall be by ballot.

Sec. 3.—No member shall be eligible for office of either President or Vice-President unless he shall have served at least one year in some elective office.

Sec. 4.—All ballots shall be decided by a majority of all votes cast.

Sec. 5.—All nominations must be seconded.

ARTICLE IV.—GOVERNMENT.

Sec. 1.—The governing body of this Society shall be composed of a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, a Secretary and five Directors.

Sec. 2.—The President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary shall be elected to serve for one year and the Directors for two years, (with the exception that at the first annual election two Directors shall be elected to serve for one year only.)

Sec. 3.—All officers are eligible for re-election.

ARTICLE V.—VACANCIES.

In case of any vacancy occurring, the President, with the consent of the "Board of Directors," shall appoint another or others in his or their place who shall serve up to the time of the first General Meeting of the members of this Society, and the Society shall then fill by election all such vacancies for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE VI.—FUNDS.

Sec. 1.—There shall be two funds of the Society, viz.: "THE GENERAL FUND" and "THE RESERVE FUND."

Sec. 2.—The "GENERAL FUND" shall consist of all monies received from members and subscribers and shall be available for distribution in accordance with this "Constitution and By-Laws."

Sec. 3.—The "RESERVE FUND" shall consist of all moneys received by "BEQUESTS," or "DONATIONS" to that fund, the annual interest of which may be used for the carrying out of the objects of the Society.

Sec. 4.—As soon as at the close of any Fiscal year the Treasurer shows a surplus of \$500 cash on hand, then and thereafter ten per cent. of all moneys collected from members and subscribers shall be added to the Reserve Fund, the interest of which shall be annually added to the General Fund.

ARTICLE VII.

This Society shall not be dissolved while ten members remain.

ARTICLE VIII.—AMENDMENTS.

No part of this "Constitution" shall be repealed, altered, annulled or suspended unless "notice of motion," shall have been given at a regular meeting of this Society of such intention, and shall be acquiesced in by a vote of three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) of the members present at a subsequent meeting called for such purpose by "circular notice," issued at least fourteen days previous to such meeting, such circular to contain in detail the object and nature of such change.

BY-LAWS.

CLAUSE I.—MEMBERSHIP.

Sec. 1.—The annual subscription of membership shall be Five Dollars, payable quarterly in advance.

Sec. 2.—Applications for membership can be made at any time by sending or handing in the applicant's name to any of the Board of Directors, who shall at their next or ensuing meeting dispose of such application, and inform, through the Secretary, such applicant if he has been elected a member of the Society.

Sec. 3.—No member who is in arrears to the amount of nine months' subscription shall have a right to vote at any meeting.

Sec. 4.—The names of members who are in arrears for two years' subscription, shall (unless sufficient cause be assigned) be struck from the roll of membership.

Sec. 5.—As a mark of respect any person may be elected by a three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) vote an honorary member, ~~who shall~~ *amended 11 July '83*
without ~~enjoy~~ the rights and privileges of a regular member.

Sec. 6.—~~The Ministers of the two congregations shall be honorary members of this Society, and also be ex-officio members of the Board of Directors.~~ *expunged 11 July 1883*

Sec. 7.—All members shall sign the Constitution and By-Laws.

CLAUSE II.—THE PRESIDENT.

Sec. 1.—It shall be the duty of the President to convene all Meetings of the Society through the Secretary, and shall preside at the same, and shall in all cases have the casting vote.

Sec. 2.—He, or the acting chairman shall sign the minutes of all meetings; and shall also sign all documents drawn against the Treasurer.

Sec. 3.—He shall have the power, in case of URGENT

NECESSITY, to grant immediate relief; but in no case shall such assistance exceed *Five Dollars*.

Sec. 4.—He shall appoint all committees at meetings of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 5.—The President shall have the privilege, with the consent of the Board of Directors, to engage the services of a Collector, whose salary shall not exceed ten per cent. on the amount *bona fide* collected by him.

CLAUSE III.—VICE-PRESIDENT.

Sec. 1.—He shall, in the absence of the President, be empowered to perform all the duties appertaining to that office.

CLAUSE IV.—TREASURER.

Sec. 1.—He shall receive all moneys belonging to the Society, and disburse the same on orders signed by the President, or, in his absence, the Vice-President or acting chairman.

Sec. 2.—He shall keep a correct account of all receipts and disbursements of the Society, and shall furnish a statement of its affairs at any meeting of the Board of Directors if requested to do so.

Sec. 3.—At the end of each fiscal year he shall lay before the annual meeting a full report of all his transactions.

Sec. 4.—He shall deposit all moneys exceeding two hundred dollars, in some chartered Bank of this City in the name of this Society.

Sec. 5.—He shall at the expiration of his term of office deliver to his successor all moneys, books, papers and property pertaining to his office in the Society.

CLAUSE V.—SECRETARY.

Sec. 1.—He shall keep accurate minutes of the transactions of all meetings of the Society, and shall convene the same by "circular notice" when requested by the President.

Sec. 2.—He shall keep a correct account of his receipts

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Sec. 3.—He shall hand over to the Treasurer all moneys belonging to this Society that may be in his possession as soon as practicable, and take his receipt for same.

Sec. 4.—He shall lay before each quarterly meeting a summary of the transactions of the Board of Directors during the past quarter. *(Expunged 13 May 1883)*

Sec. 5.—He shall make out all accounts against members and see that the same are collected with no unnecessary delay.

Sec. 6.—He shall have charge of the ledger, and all books and papers not otherwise provided for, and shall keep the same correctly.

Sec. 7.—He shall also keep such other books as may be determined upon by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 8.—He shall deliver over to his successor all books, papers and other property of this Society, which he holds in virtue of his office, such books to be posted to date.

CLAUSE VI.—BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Sec. 1.—It shall be the duty of the members of the Board on any case of distress coming to their knowledge to notify the President of the same and by his direction institute enquiries as to the circumstances and character of the applicant.

Sec. 2.—They shall see that a register is kept by the Secretary of the name, age, sex, nativity, and character of all applicants for relief, and such other information relating thereto, as may be useful to this Society.

Sec. 3.—It shall also be the duty of this Board to determine what amount of assistance is necessary, and its mode of dispensation. *(Expunged 26 March 1882)*

Sec. 4.—It shall not be competent for this Board to grant to any one applicant a greater sum than (25) twenty-five per

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CLAUSE VII.—DONORS AND SUBSCRIBERS.

Sec. 1.—Any member may receive donations to this Society from non-members and shall pay same over to one of the Directors, who shall see that the Secretary duly acknowledges the receipt of same to the donor.

Sec. 2.—It shall be the duty of the Director receiving such donation to pay the same over to the Secretary with as little delay as possible.

CLAUSE VIII.—MEETINGS.

Sec. 1.—Four General Meetings of the members of this Society shall be held in each year, viz.: On the second Sunday of each of the following months:—February, May, August and November.

Sec. 2.—The Annual Meeting shall be the one held during the month of February.

Sec. 3.—The Election of Officers and the presentation of the Annual Reports of the President, Treasurer and Secretary shall take place at the February meeting.

Sec. 4.—It shall be the duty of the President to call a meeting of the Board of Directors, when requested to do so by any member of the Board.

Sec. 5.—It shall be the duty of the President to convene a Special General Meeting on a requisition for same signed by ten members.

Sec. 6.—The Directors shall hold a meeting each month.

Sec. 7.—One-sixth of the number of the whole roll of membership, shall constitute a quorum at any General Meeting.

Sec. 8.—Three Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

CLAUSE IX.—COLLECTOR.

Sec. 1.—He shall make an immediate return of all moneys collected by him to the Secretary, taking his receipt for the same.

Sec. 2.—He shall make a report each week to the Secretary during the time he may have any accounts to collect.

CLAUSE X.—MISCELLANEOUS.

Sec. 1.—The President shall appoint (when occasion requires same) a committee to co-operate whenever practicable with any other Benevolent Institution for the more complete furtherance of the objects of this Society, and also to guard itself against imposition.

Sec. 2.—The President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary shall be members of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 3.—In the absence of the President and Vice-President, the Board of Directors shall elect their own Chairman.

CLAUSE XI.—AMENDMENTS.

Sec. 1.—No part of these By-Laws shall be suspended, altered or amended unless notice of motion shall have been given of such suspension, alteration or amendment at a previous General Meeting, and shall be acquiesced in by two-thirds of the members present at a meeting held at least one month after the meeting at which such notice of motion to suspend, &c., was given.

CLAUSE XII.—RULES OF ORDER.

Sec. 1.—The following shall be the Rules of Order at all meetings of this Society, viz :—

1. Reading of Minutes of preceding Meeting.
2. Reports of Standing Committees.

3. Reports of Special Committees.
4. Reports of Officers :—
 1. The President's.
 2. The Treasurer's.
 3. The Secretary's.
5. Election of Officers.
6. Unfinished Business.
7. General Business.





